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SUBJ: PERSONS ARRESTED UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARY TOLD POL COUNS INFORMALLY THAT SEVEN OF THE YONSEI MEDICAL SCHOOL STUDENTS ARRESTED JAN 22 ARE STILL BEING HELD AND WILL PROBABLY BE TRIED BY COURTS MARTIAL.

2. PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARY ALSO INDICATED THAT FOUR OF THE ELEVEN CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTIVISTS ORIGINALLY ARRESTED UNDER THE EMERGENCY MEASURES HAVE BEEN RELEASED. HE SAID THAT THE FOUR HAD AGREED TO DROP THEIR ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES. HE EXPLAINED, AS MATTER OF POLICY, GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO DROP CHARGES UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURES AGAINST VIOLATORS IF THEY GIVE ASSURANCES THAT THEY WILL NOT CONTINUE THEIR ACTIVITIES.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, MND VICE MINISTER CHOE SAID THAT THE COURT MARTIAL MACHINERY IS NOW BEING SET UP. CHOE EXPECTS COURT MARTIAL PROCESSING OF CHANG CHUN-HA AND OTHER CASES TO BEGIN SOMETIME IN NEXT WEEK.

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